



WDM ENews

April 2014

From The City Manager



I would like to express a sincere thank you to the City of West Des Moines and all the citizens, businesses, and groups I have had the pleasure to work with over the course of the last 3 years. This will mark my last WDM ENewsletter column as I will depart the City of West Des Moines on April 18th to begin as the City Manager for Eureka, California.

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As the West Des Moines City Manager, I have had the privilege of working with an accomplished management team and dedicated employees throughout the organization. I have found that the Citizens of West Des Moines value excellent service and therefore, I worked to further collaboration within the organization and community to accomplish goals and continually focus on the delivery of premium, cost effective services.

The Mayor and Council will hold a public reception on April 7th , 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the West Des Moines City Council Chambers and all are welcome to attend.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and this great community!

Community Highlights

Have you liked us on Facebook or Twitter?

Look [here](#) for all the City pages to receive updates and information .



DART April Promotions

There are many reasons to ride DART services in April. To celebrate Earth Day, to save money or to discover a better way commute, there is something for everyone.

Ride DART Local Route 51 – Merle Hay Crosstown for free in April!

Whether you're heading to work, lunch or out to shop, get onboard Route 51 and ride FREE in April. To promote DART's newest route that runs from Merle Hay Mall to DART Central Station, all rides on Route 51 are free April 1-30, 2014.

25% off first three month's RideShare fares

Any first time rider who joins a RideShare vanpool in April or May 2014 will receive a 25 percent discount on the first three month's fare. DART RideShare helps commuters locate others with like travel patterns to share rides in vanpools.

For more information about DART promotions or services, please call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100 or visit www.ridedart.com.



Several opportunities are available with the City of West Des Moines. Check out the [website](#) for more details and how to apply.

Receive Public Safety Alerts with Code Red

The CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows the dispatcher to telephone all or targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency. To hear an example or to sign up go to : [Code Red Sign-up](#).



[WDM Magazine:](#) Spring/Summer Issue Released!

Register for all the upcoming activities and programs!

[In the works.....](#)

- The Des Moines Metro ranked 25th in the country for overall well being of residents. Iowa ranked 10th by Gallup
- John Jackovin of Des Moines won 2nd place at the SXSW Interactive Pitch-off!

Great Events occurring in April for our residents!

Yard Waste Collection Starts First Week of April!

Yard waste collection runs weekly from the first week of April through November. Through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program, residents can get rid of yard waste (which is banned from the landfill) right from the curb on garbage collection day with two easy options:

Bags & Stickers

Compost It! Bags

The cost of this bag covers the cost of collection, no sticker is required. Do not exceed 40 lbs. per bag.

Store-brand Bag + Compost It! Sticker

A Compost It! sticker must be attached to a generic bag. The sticker cost covers the cost of collection. It's a good idea to face the sticker toward the streets so the hauler can



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see it.

Compost It! Sticker + Brush Bundles

Attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle and place it next to carts or bags. Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches in diameter or four feet in length.

Cart

Yard waste carts can be conveniently wheeled around to wherever you're working – as well as to the curb when you're finished. The capacity of the 96-gallon cart is equivalent to three full yard waste bags. The Bag & Sticker program can be used in addition to the cart, if you find yourself with more debris than the cart can hold.

You might consider a cart if you:

- Purchase more than 68 bags per year, garden or bag grass clippings, or
- Don't want to hassle with bags



Purchase Bags, Stickers, & Cart Subscriptions

The cost of the Compost It! bag, sticker and annual cart subscription cover the cost of collection and to process the material.

Compost It! Bags \$7.75 for a bundle of five (\$1.55 per bag). Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.

Compost It! Stickers \$1.20 per sticker. Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.

Cart \$105 annual subscription; One-time cart purchase – \$60 if the cart is picked up at the Public Works facility or \$80 if delivered to a residence. To enroll, call Public Works at 222-3480, or renew at www.WhereItShouldGo.com, West Des Moines City Hall or Public Works, or download a form from the City website and mail in a check.

WDM Public Works

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Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-Off & Secure Paper Shredding

Saturday - April 12th, 8 AM to 12:00 Noon

This popular event is a great opportunity to recycle unwanted items! West Des Moines residents may bring their scrap appliances or metal to the gated area at the Public Works facility - 560 S. 16th Street, WDM.

ITEMS ACCEPTED - FREE

Rooftop AC Units	Industrial Freezers	Industrial Refrigerators	Computer Systems*
Freon	Chillers	Milk Coolers	Ice Makers
Metal Shelving	Cooler Cabinets	Water Heaters	Center Isle Cabinets
Water Coolers	Ice Cream Cabinets	Pop Machines	Riding Lawnmowers
Plastic Business Signs	Walk-behind Mowers	General Scrap Metal	Exercise Equipment
Printers	Dryers	Washers	Dehumidifiers
Stoves	Copiers	Furnaces	Dishwashers
Batteries	Microwaves	Cell Phones	Refrigerators
Fax Machines	Grocery Carts	VCR's	Video Game Systems
Ice Chests	DVD Players	Humidifiers	

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Appliances Filled w/Food	Propane Tanks	Chemicals
		Water Softeners
Paint	Tires	Garbage

Televisions and *Computer Monitors are accepted, but for a fee.

Grill Propane Tanks are accepted for a \$5 Fee



Paper Shredding!

Scrap Tire Collection

Saturday - April 19th - 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

The City of West Des Moines is once again partnering with the Metro Waste Authority in offering a Residential Scrap Tire Collection on Saturday, April 19th, 2014, from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the West Des Moines Public Works facility located at 560 S. 16th Street. Go to the last driveway on the East side of S. 16th Street in the cul-de-sac area of the street. Tires will be accepted at the gate.

Residents may dispose of a maximum of five (5) tires per household (tires on rims are accepted). In special situations where a household may have more than five (5) tires, please contact Metro Waste Authority to be considered for an exemption. This program does not accept scrap tires generated by any business, farm or tractor tires, or solid tires such as lawnmower, forklift, or golf car tires.

The tire collection is open to West Des Moines residents only. If you have any questions, please call Metro Waste Authority at 244-0021 or Public Works at 222-3480.

Find out more information by checking the City website: www.wdm.iowa.gov - Your Government - Public Works

2014 SOLID WASTE EVENTS FOR WDM CITIZENS

Mark your calendars!

SPRING CLEAN-UP

June 2 - 6

On your regular trash collection day

March 31 Yard Waste Pick-Up begins on normal trash collection day

April 12 (Sat.) Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-Off & Paper Shredding- 8AM-Noon - West Des Moines Public Works

April 19 (Sat.) Scrap Tire Drop-Off - 7:30 AM-4PM - West Des Moines Public Works

May 22 (Thurs) Nat'l Public Works Week Celebration - 4-7PM Valley Junction Farmer's Market

June 2 - 6 Spring Clean-Up - On your regular trash day

June 28 (Sat.) Hazardous Waste Drop-Off - Valley Stadium 8AM - Noon

Sept. 13 (Sat.) Scrap Appliance & Metal Drop-Off - 8AM-Noon - West Des Moines Public Works

Nov. 29 Yard Waste Pick-Up Ends

Dec 29 - 1/9/15 Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection

A number of Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events will be scheduled in our area by Metro Waste Authority, and will be posted on their website when available. Visit <http://www.wheresoulditgo.com/>

Yard Waste and Spring Cleanup events are available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for City solid waste collection.

For more details check the calendar on the City's website: www.wdm.iowa.gov

or call the Public Works Dept. at 222-3480.

Human Services Receives

Prairie Meadows Grant Award!

West Des Moines Human Services has received a \$7,500 grant from Prairie Meadows through its 2014 Community Betterment Grant Program. The 2014 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment grant award will greatly benefit our Emergency Assistance Program. This program is available to households experiencing crises including emergency rent assistance for eviction notices or utility disconnects.

Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1.4 billion through taxes, grants and charitable donations to the state of Iowa. More than \$600 million of that figure has remained right here in our community to promote economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism.



Donations Needed!

With the change of seasons, the Clothing Closet at Human Services is in need of **spring and summer clothing and shoes**. We are also in need of small household items including **towels, blankets, sheets, and kitchen items**. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm. We encourage you to complete a donation receipt for your records and to help us track donations. Please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning!

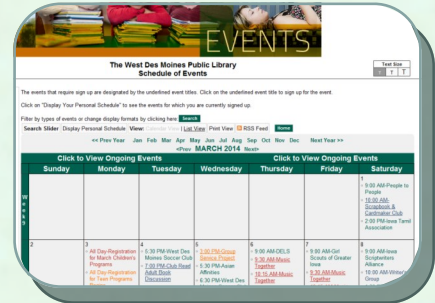


WDM Public Library

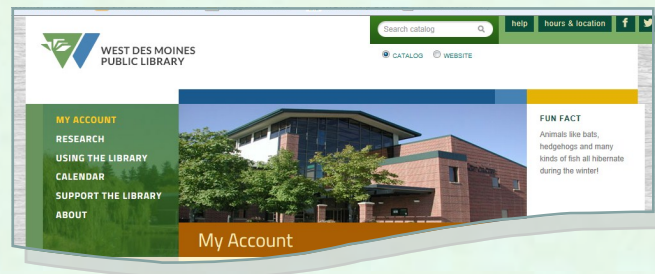
Library Programs in March

Check the [Calendar](#) and Register Now!

<u>April 5</u>	<u>Scrapbook & Cardmaking Club</u>
<u>April 7</u>	<u>Nightly Night Drop in Story Time</u>
<u>April 8</u>	<u>Prairie Flower Service Unit</u>
<u>April 12 & 26</u>	<u>Writer's Group</u>
<u>April 19</u>	<u>Toast Masters</u>
<u>April 20</u>	<u>LIBRARY CLOSED FOR EASTER</u>
<u>April 25</u>	<u>Drop-in Family Storytime</u>
<u>April 26</u>	<u>Sahaja Yoga</u>



For more information and registration, check the West Des Moines Public Library [Website](#).
Try the new [user tools](#)!



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